

LABOR LEADERS ARE INDICTED

Charged With Conspiring to Stir Up Strikes in U. S. Munition Plants

CONGRESSMAN HEADS LIST

Of Plotters Paid by German Government to Check Exportation to Allies

Eight men, including a congressman, a former attorney general of Ohio, were indicted by the federal grand jury in New York City, Tuesday, December 28th, on the charge of conspiring to foment strikes in American munition factories, as a part of a campaign financed by the German government to check the exportation of munitions to the entente allies.

The men indicted are: Congressman Frank Buchanan, of Illinois; Former Congressman H. Robert Fowler, of Illinois; Frank S. Monett, former attorney general of Ohio; H. B. Martin, Herman Schulteis, Franz Von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob Taylor.

All except Von Rintelen and Lamar are officers or former officers of Labor's National Peace Council. The government charges that this organization was financed by Von Rintelen, a German agent, to instigate strikes, while ostensibly working in the interest of international peace.

Von Rintelen is at present a prisoner of war in England. Lamar, known as the "wolf of Wall Street," is said to have been his paymaster.

No warrants were issued for the arrest of any of the indicted men, as District Attorney Marshall stated he had reason to believe most of the defendants would appear voluntarily to enter pleas. None reside in New York. The majority are either in Chicago or Washington and are expected to appear in those cities to give bonds for their appearance here.

According to officials, Monett, Fowler, Buchanan and Lamar were indicted as leaders of the alleged conspiracy. Von Rintelen, they said, was financier and Lamar the alleged paymaster, while Schulteis, Martin and Taylor are accused of doing the actual work of attempting to bribe union leaders.

Schulteis and Martin are well-known lobbyists. Both were connected with the Anti-Trust League and are said to be labor leaders of New Jersey.

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Thatcher Old People's Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pace gave their annual party to the old people Tuesday. They sent their car out to bring them in, between ten and eleven o'clock.

The old people exchanged hearty greetings and settled themselves down in the cosy parlor ready for the enjoyment of the day. Mrs. Pace moved among them with a word of cheer, while Mr. Pace, with his genial smile and ever-ready wit, soon had them in the best of spirits.

At noon, all were escorted out to the dining room, where the tables were spread with all the good things obtainable. When the great turkey, brown and savory, was brought in, a smile spread over the faces of all and no one failed to do justice to the vegetables, meats, salads, fruits, pies, cakes and puddings. Twenty-eight sat down to each table and the tables were filled three times.

A few brief speeches were made, but the afternoon was spent mainly in visiting, as all had the spirit of rally.

Mr. Pace's family were all at home to assist in entertaining and making the old people comfortable. All had a most enjoyable time and went home happy.

DR. PACE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Carl H. Pace, who has been practicing as an osteopathic physician at St. Johns, Arizona, for several years, is now located in San Francisco, Cal., where he will take a two-years' course in special work in surgery and medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Pace is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pace, of Thatcher, and is making a success in his profession.

TOWN HALL PLANS

Are Approved by Common Council and Given to Architect Dever

The Common Council of the Town of Safford met in regular session at Council Chambers Monday night, December 20, 1915. Present, Mayor L. J. Broshears; Councilmen, Geo. P. Jacobson, Wm. Kirtland and J. A. Phillips; Town Clerk J. C. Ellsworth.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following demands were allowed and ordered paid:

Wm. Kirtland, repairs to street sprinkler	\$9.25
Gila Valley Electric, Gas and Water Co., street lights, November	123.00
Gila Valley Electric, Gas and Water Co., water, November	28.75
Geo. Madrid, work on street plow	1.00
Ammon Curtis, work on streets	15.60
J. M. Walker, work on streets	11.00
Graham Guardian, publication of city bond notice	35.70
Mountain States Telephone Co., phone rent, marshal	3.00
W. A. Bennett, feeding city prisoners	1.05
U. I. Paxton, police judge, salary, November	25.00
J. C. Ellsworth, town clerk, salary, November	25.00
Stamps	2.00
B. F. Foster, rent, December, 1915	10.00
Jesse Anglin, street sprinkling	39.00
Oscar Lancaster, marshal, salary, November	50.00
Total	\$379.35

The town taxes of H. O. Heath were taken up, and, on motion duly put and carried, same were stricken from the roll.

The plans submitted by Mr. Dever for the new town hall and jail were discussed and finally approved. The plans were given to Mr. Dever to make prints and specifications.

Time of payment of city taxes was extended thirty days, and if not paid on or before January 20, 1916, 4 per cent will be added.

The report of Town Marshal Lancaster, showing license collected for fish pool, \$4.00, was read and placed on file.

The report of Police Judge Paxton, showing fines collected, \$10.00, and back taxes collected, \$23.50, was read and placed on file.

Installations of New Officers

A joint installation of the officers elected for the ensuing year was held by Safford Lodge, No. 16, F. and A. M., and Arcadia Chapter, No. 9, O. E. S., at Masonic Temple, Monday night.

The Masons installed the following officers: W. E. McWhirt, W. M.; Otto Mack, S. W.; Geo. S. Martin, J. W.; G. E. Everett, Secretary; Z. C. Prina, Treasurer; C. P. Pearson, S. D.; Wm. Wilson, J. D.; T. T. Swift and Malcolm Freeman, Stewards.

The Eastern Stars installed the following officers: Mrs. M. S. Freeman, Worthy Matron; C. P. Pearson, Worthy Patron; Mrs. W. D. French, Associate Matron; Mrs. Lee N. Stratton, Secretary; Mrs. E. W. Clayton, Treasurer; Miss Daisy McCollum, Conductress; Mrs. T. T. Swift, Associate Conductress; Mrs. E. H. Roach, Organist; Mrs. C. T. Reynolds, Chaplain.

The members of both lodges and invited guests, enjoyed a banquet upon conclusion of the installation.

Buy Apples from Valley Farmers

The storekeepers of the Gila valley do not have to ship in any apples from California or Oregon, as the valley supply is still holding out and a much better apple than any now being shipped in.

Patronize the valley farmer whose labor has produced this year the best apples ever grown in any country.

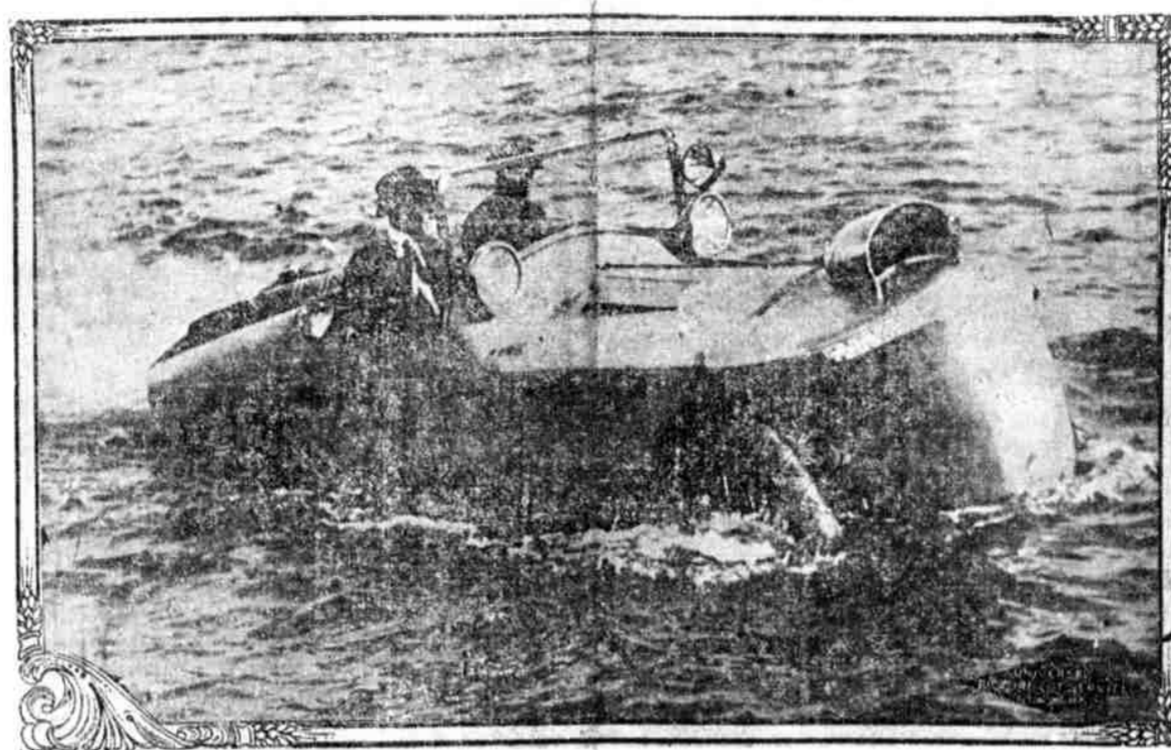
The storekeepers in the valley can get apples from the following: W. W. Pace, Lem R. Pace and Wm. Ferguson; Thatcher; J. H. Mack, Pima; Oscar Olsen, Safford.

Keep the dollar at home.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Pastor, E. A. Gotberg. Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7:00 p. m. Sunday services: Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.; Superintendent, Judge A. G. McAlister. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "How to Face the New Year." Evening subject, "It Is Impossible Even in this Twentieth Century." You are welcome to these services. Watch night party tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

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FIRST SUCCESSFUL HYDRO-AUTO

A successful test of Hydro-Auto made at the Panama Exposition. Naval architects say the Metric center has been found and it is to this the success of the motor is ascribed.

HAD THE WHISKEY

Two Alleged Bootleggers Are Caught with the Goods on Them

George Hammond was arrested Christmas night on the Solomonville road by Officer Lancaster and brought to town, when the officer found George had in his possession several quart bottles, also several pint bottles, of the forbidden juice.

In the Justice Court Tuesday afternoon, Hammond was bound over in the sum of \$500 for a hearing in the Superior Court.

Yesterday afternoon, Hammond was arraigned before Judge McAlister, who set the time for the plea for this morning at 10:00 o'clock. Judge McAlister set Hammond's trial for January 31st.

Monday, afternoon, about 5:15 o'clock, just after the arrival of the evening train, Sheriff Alger eyed with suspicion the overcoat worn by Bob Young, the bootblack, who had just returned on the train from a trip to Bowie, where he went to visit friends on Christmas Day.

The sheriff accosted Bob and told him he wanted to see him at his office, but Bob did not look with favor on the proposition and set up a demurrer, which was denied by the sheriff and Bob finally went along to the court house.

The sheriff searched Bob and only found three bottles of booze, two quarts and a pint, which he confiscated, and, as Bob says, "the sheriff took my whiskey, which I had bought for my personal use and locked it up in his suit case (the safe)."

Bob was taken to Solomonville jail and locked up. Wednesday, he was brought before Justice Paxton, who held him under \$250 bonds for the Superior Court.

Hubbard Girls Fall from Buggy

Last Tuesday, while four young ladies, the two Misses Marble, Miss Sanders and Miss Hall from Hubbard were on their way to Pima, they met with an accident while crossing a ditch near Edgar Ferrin's place, east of Main street.

The back seat of their buggy became loose and let two of the girls, Mayola Marble and Miss Hall, fall to the ground. Miss Marble was not hurt very bad, but Miss Hall was unable to rise.

The accident was witnessed by several men, who ran to the assistance of the girls. Miss Hall was lifted to a buggy and taken to the Pima Hotel, where she was attended by Dr. Dryden, who found no serious injury.

Miss Hall was taken to her home in Hubbard in an auto, and has been confined to her bed for several days.

KERBY IN ASYLUM

Deputy Sheriff McBride returned from Phoenix last Wednesday, where he went with George Kerby, who was declared insane recently and committed to the State Insane Asylum. Officer McBride brought back to the Industrial School at Ft. Grant, Roosevelt McBride, who escaped from that institution nine months ago and arrested recently in Phoenix.

William Collins came up from Miami Wednesday to look after his mining claims in the Clark district, Graham mountains. Mr. Collins is an employee of the Inspiration Co.

New Highway Is Nearly Completed

The work of building the new State highway between the bridges on the Gila and San Carlos rivers is about one-half completed.

The approaches to the Gila river bridge have been accomplished, and nine teams and a force of laborers are now working on the approaches to the San Carlos bridge.

The road between the bridges is about two-thirds done. The drains are yet to be laid. There will be 49 culverts, from 24 by 3 feet, to 5 by 10 feet. There will be eleven bridges, from 15 to 60 feet. About 127,528 feet of lumber will be used in the construction of the bridges and culverts.

A. O. Lamoreaux is the inspector and no better man could be secured by the board of supervisors for the job.

Mr. Lamoreaux reports that the amount of money expended on the work of building the highway, up to Friday, December 24th, was \$10,972.40. This amount includes the cost of the lumber and all other material used on the work, leaving a balance of about \$9,000 for labor, etc.

Mr. Lamoreaux is on the job every day and notes down everything in regard to the work to the smallest detail, so that at the end of every day every expense incurred in the work is known.

The new highway will be a fine piece of work, the grades run about ten per cent at the highest points, but the average is around 3 per cent.

When the highway is completed, travelers will not worry about whether the Gila river is up or not, for there will be no more need of crossing the river. They will make the trip through the beautiful Gila valley over good roads and across the bridges on the Gila and San Carlos rivers into Gila county, where good roads lead everywhere.

Big Six Sends New Year's Greetings

We are just closing up one of the most successful years we have ever had. We could not say this only for the kind and generous patronage you have given us, and we are taking this opportunity to thank you, every one of you, for the same.

We have tried to please you and merit your confidence and to give you value for your money; we believe we have done this, and hope to be able to serve you better in our new store, which will be completed very soon.

We are to have a house-warming before we move in and invite you and your friends, whether our customers or not, to come and help to make it a Red Letter Day in Thatcher.

Wishing you all the happiness and prosperity that should come to the best people on earth, we are yours for the development of the Gila Valley.

Big Six, Thatcher, Arizona.

Mit Simms for Secretary of State

Mit Simms, our popular State treasurer, will be a candidate for Secretary of State at the coming primary election next September.

Mit has made good as State treasurer and has made many friends all over the State. He will come first under the wire in the primary election and his nomination will mean his election in November by a big majority.

DIES FROM WOUND

Mariano Sainz, Second Victim of Murderers of Lee Wah, Is Dead

Mariano Sainz, the young Mexican boy, who was shot by one of the Mexican thugs who murdered Lee Wah, the Chinaman, in his store at Solomonville, last Wednesday night, died at the hospital here Tuesday morning, at 7:00 o'clock. The remains were taken to his home in Solomonville Tuesday afternoon.

The funeral, which was largely attended, took place Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the Solomonville cemetery.

The officers have arrested and lodged in jail four Mexicans, but two are still at large.

Friday morning Sheriff Alger, Deputy Sheriff Nelse Wilson, Constable Lancaster, John Traylor and James and William Gillespie, Jr., left Solomonville on the trail of one of the alleged murderers who had been seen near the Brown ranch.

The trail was followed for some distance without success. Constable Lancaster returned here Friday night. The other officers continued the search until Sunday, when they returned home.

Sheriff Haynes and Undersheriff Shute, of Gila county, arrested a Mexican at Rice Sunday night on suspicion of being one of the Chinaman's murderers. This man worked on the section gang of the Arizona Eastern near Solomonville and left suddenly last Thursday without drawing his pay. The officers found him working at Rice.

A reward of \$200, for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Lee Wah and Mariano Sainz, has been offered by Sheriff Alger.

Officers Pick Up Crazy Mexican

Fast Friday night, Town Marshal Lancaster received word from Wm. Nelson that there was a crazy Mexican near his home on the Solomonville road.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff McBride, he went to the place, found the Mexican near the railroad tracks. The man was evidently bordering on the D. T.'s, as he was seeing things the officers claim they could not see.

The officers pacified the man and finally took him in an auto to the jail at Solomonville.

He said his name was Frank Gilindo, and when he became rational said he had worked in El Paso, Texas. He recovered from the attack the next day and is now on his way to find the dope that made him think somebody was going to kill him.

A FINE PHOTOGRAPH

The half-tone cut of the officers of St. Joseph Stake Sunday School Union, printed on page two of this issue, was made from a photo taken at the Sunday School Convention held at Pima, Sunday, December 20th, by Dubois and Burton, the photographers, now located at Safford. The photo was excellent in every particular and is an example of the good work done by these artists.

BODY IS SHIPPED

The body of Lee Wah, the Chinese merchant of Solomonville, who was murdered in his store last Wednesday night, was shipped yesterday to Los Angeles, Cal., for burial.

THE GILA RODEO

Starts up at the Fair Grounds Safford, January 1st, 2d and 3d

The Gila Rodeo will start up tomorrow, New Year's Day at the fair grounds, and will continue, Sunday and Monday, January 2d and 3d.

All the sensational events that have made the Pendleton, Oregon, Roundup, famous, will be given.

The program includes bull riding, bucking contest, roping contest, bulldogging, wild horse races, rep races, trick riding and trick roping. Curley Fletcher will give a bulldog event, catching a steer from an automobile.

Minnie Fletcher, a pretty young woman expert, will give a broncho riding exhibition that will be a thrill from start to finish.

The wild horse race will be given as if it occurred under actual range conditions.

The main feature of the trick roping by Curley Fletcher will be the roping of six horses around the feet at the same time with one loop.

Wolf Verdugo, Calgary Red and Curley Fletcher will participate in the novel bull-dogging event.

The program is as follows: Bull riding—Bulls to be ridden bareback. First prize, \$25; second, \$12.50. Entrance fee, \$5.00. Trick roping—Exhibition by Curley Fletcher.

Ladies' Broncho riding—Exhibition by Minnie Fletcher. Range race—Free for all. Prize, \$15.00. Entrance fee, \$2.50. Calf roping—Prize, \$100. Entrance fee, \$10.00.

Riding bucking horse backward—Exhibition by Curley Fletcher. Bucking contest—First prize, \$75; second, \$40; third, \$20. Entrance fee, \$5.00.

Bulldogging steers—Exhibition by Wolf Verdugo, Calgary Red and Curley Fletcher.

Rep race—Team consists of two men and three horses. Prize, \$20. Entrance fee, \$2.50.

Roman hippodrome—Exhibition by Wolf Verdugo and Curley Fletcher.

Are you a member of the Chamber of Commerce?

Myron Allred Is Badly Burned

County Assessor J. Myron Allred has been carrying his face around in a sling ever since Christmas Eve. And there is a reason.

Myron was playing a leading engagement at the Artesia school house last Friday in the part of Santa Claus. While reaching for a doll on the tree, his Santa Claus whiskers caught fire and soon the mask was in flames. Quick action on the part of Heber Higgins and several others, who pulled off the blazing mask and whiskers, saved Myron from serious injury. As it is, the lower part of his face was badly burned and he was also burned on the arm.

Myron wants to attend the meeting of the county assessors and State Tax Commission in Phoenix next Monday, and hopes the doctor will have his face in condition so he can attend.

Old Pioneer Visits Valley

Alfred A. Cluff, one of the first settlers of the Gila valley, who came to Arizona, in 1876, locating at Sholo and a few years later moved to the valley, was a pleasant caller at THE GUARDIAN office Tuesday.

Mr. Cluff has been a resident in Arizona ever since. He is hale and hearty at the age of 71 years and is still a young fellow.

Mr. Cluff, who has been living at Mesa for several years, is now living at Pima, where he expects to make his home.

WILL SELECT STATE LANDS

Ben Clark, field assistant State Land Department, came in Tuesday night from Phoenix to select State lands in Graham county for people who desire to purchase State lands.

Mr. Clark selected land near San Jose yesterday and today will go to Black Rock and Klondyke to select lands in those sections.

Liven Up Your Torpid Liver

To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25 cents at your druggist. adv-no-2

THE LARGEST FARM CROP IN HISTORY

Estimate by Secretary Houston Placed at \$9,837,000,000 for 1915

AN INCREASE OF \$83,000,000

Over 1913 Crop Value—More Meat Animals Needed, Says the Secretary

Secretary Houston's annual report places an estimate of \$9,837,000,000 on the value of American farm crops and animal products for last year, a valuation without precedent. This, however, probably will be eclipsed by the present year's showing.

This valuation is an increase of about \$83,000,000 over the value of 1913, hitherto the highest ever recorded.

"Between August 1, 1914, and February 1, 1915, exports were \$1,157,000,000 and imports \$771,000,000, giving a favorable balance of \$386,000,000. Of the total value of exports, \$662,000,000 represented agricultural and only \$495,000,000 non-agricultural commodities chiefly manufactures.

"The total agricultural exports in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, practically the first year of the war, were \$1,470,000,000, which is an increase of \$356,000,000, or 32 per cent, over those of the preceding year, and \$433,000,000, or nearly 42 per cent, over the average of the five years, 1910-14."

What is needed more, perhaps, than anything else, is an increase in meat animals. Elimination of common live stock diseases would result in a material increase of the meat supply.

The citrus fruit industry of the gulf states, the report asserts, is seriously threatened by the citrus canker.

The potash situation, the report states, continues serious.

Recommendations for legislation made by Secretary Houston to congress include the following:

Legislation designed to promote better handling and storage of farm products and trading on the basis of fixed grades and standards.

A land mortgage banking act. Assistance to communities near the national forests in road building and similar improvements.

Authority to grant water power permits within the national forests for fixed periods.

Valley Apples

You can still get a supply of the best apples at J. H. Mack's, Ranch, Pima. adv-43-2t

Surprise Party, Kangaroo Court

About fifty of the friends of Mrs. E. Claydon gathered to surprise that lady at Layton at noon Wednesday, the occasion being one of thanksgiving for the return home of Mrs. Claydon, after a long and painful illness, restored to good health.

John W. Morris made a short address explanatory of the feelings of the friends of Mrs. Claydon gathered on this occasion, after which refreshments of a substantial character were served and a good social time was enjoyed by all present.

This was followed by a Kangaroo Court, composed as follows: A. H. Ten Broeck, Judge; A. E. Jacobson, Sheriff; I. P. Robinson, Usher; W. L. Nelson, Clerk; Wm. Moore Claydon, Prosecutor; Wm. Ellsworth, Foreman of the Jury composed of ladies; Paul Beebe, Prisoner, charged with a serious offense. Witnesses, Messdames May Carr, Etta Boggs, Mary Richards, Cora Jacobson, I. P. Robinson and A. E. Jacobson.

A suspended sentence was passed upon the prisoner, but the Sheriff and usher were appointed to keep him under surveillance to the end that the requirements of the court may be complied with. Another charge, that of raising aromatic pork, was held in abeyance during the prisoner's good behavior.

The gathering dispersed at 3:30 p. m., with compliments to Mrs. Claydon and expressing gratification for her recovery.

Dairy Cattle for Sale

One hundred head of fine Jersey dairy cattle for sale. Apply to Safford Ice and Creamery Co., or Z. C. Prina, Safford. adv-44-3t